

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWING

Appended hereto as an attachment are replacement formal drawing sheets to replace the drawings that were included in the published PCT application. The PCT drawings have been amended to delete the PCT drawing legends, including the application and publication numbers. Additionally, one of the two reference numerals 11 shown in Fig. 2 has been changed to 11a.

Also appended hereto are copies of the published PCT drawings showing in red the amendments that are reflected on the attached replacement drawing sheets.

REMARKS

The substitute specification together with the amended claims and drawings place the present U.S. national phase application in better form for examination on the merits.

Also attached hereto is an Abstract of the Disclosure presented on a separate sheet in conformity with the rules of practice.

Based upon the specification, drawing, and claim amendments to this national phase application, it is believed that the amended specification and amended drawings and claims conform with U.S. formal requirements. Additionally, the amended claims as hereinabove presented conform in substance with the corresponding amended claims that were examined in the international application. And based upon the acceptance by the International Preliminary Examining Authority of the invention as it was claimed in the amended claims that were presented in the international application as meeting each of the novelty, the inventive step, and the industrial applicability criteria set forth in the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the claims as amended above are believed to conform with both U.S. formal and U.S. substantive requirements, and they are therefore believed to be in allowable form. Accordingly, an early Notice of Allowance is in order and is respectfully solicited.

Should the examiner have any question after considering this Preliminary Amendment, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned

attorney so that any such question can be quickly resolved in order that the present application can proceed toward allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alfred J. Mangels', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Attachments: Attachment A
Attachment B
Abstract of the Disclosure
Annotated drawing sheets showing the changes
Replacement drawing sheets including the changes